

# CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL

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## PALMDALE TO LOS ANGELES PROJECT SECTION



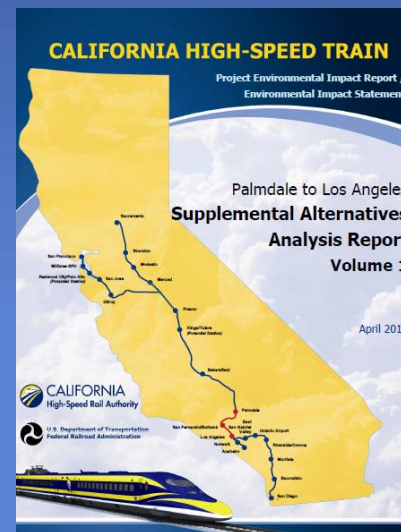
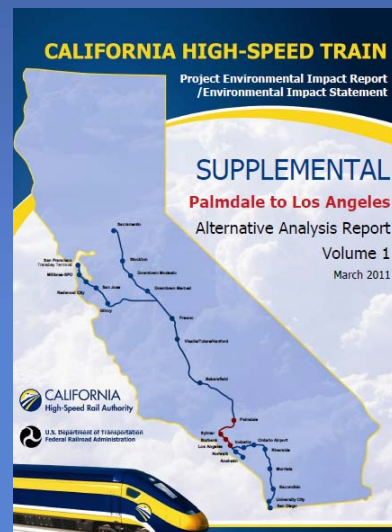
# PALMDALE TO LOS ANGELES PROJECT SECTION REVIEW

- 60 Mile Route
- Connects the Antelope Valley to Downtown Los Angeles
- Includes the Initial Operating Section Terminus Defined in the 2014 Business Plan as the San Fernando Valley
- Three Stations – Palmdale, San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles Union Station



# WHERE WE HAVE BEEN: P-LA SECTION TIMELINE

- Preliminary Studies and Evaluations
- Statewide Program Environmental Document (2005)
- Preliminary Alternatives Analysis (2010)
- Supplemental Alternatives Analysis (2011)
- Supplemental Alternatives Analysis (2012)



# POST 2012 BUSINESS PLAN PRIORITIES

- 2012 SAA Work Completed Prior to Release of 2012 Business Plan
- Updated Approach:
  - Statewide Rail Modernization
  - Connectivity & Blended Service
  - Initial Operating Section to San Fernando Valley
  - Increased Emphasis on Stakeholder Engagement
  - Focus on bringing High-Speed Rail to Southern California





# WHAT WE SAID IN FALL 2013: FRESH LOOK AT 2012 SAA

- Re-evaluate Potential Station Locations
  - Palmdale
  - San Fernando Valley
- Validate Stakeholder Feedback and Operational Requirements
  - Refinements Across the Alignment
- Address New Projects
- Bring High-Speed Rail to SoCal Faster
  - Environmental Document Strategy



# PROPOSED PALMDALE STATION LOCATION

- Station Considerations
  - Program Objectives
  - Connectivity
  - Ridership
  - Regional Plans
  - Land Use / TOD
  - Stakeholder / Community Input
- Palmdale Transportation Center
- Connectivity with Metrolink
- What's New: High Desert Corridor, Palmdale Transit Village



# PROPOSED SAN FERNANDO VALLEY STATION LOCATION

- Burbank
- Connectivity
  - Rail to Air
  - Rail to Rail
  - Rail to Transit
- Ridership
- Access to Ventura Line, Antelope Valley Line
- What's New: Hollywood Way Metrolink Station, RITC, Link Burbank



# VALIDATE STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Maximize System Operations
  - Geometric Refinement to Increase Speed and Ride Quality
- Minimize Impacts
  - Communities
  - Natural Resources
  - Planned Projects and Development





# ADDRESS NEW PROJECTS IN THE CORRIDOR

- Refined Approach to Union Station
- Coordination with LA-A Section, LA Union Station Master Plan, and SCRIP



# PROJECT MEETINGS AND UPDATES SINCE FALL 2013

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- Federal, State, and Local Elected Officials and Staff
- Transportation Agencies/Providers: Metro, Caltrans, LA DOT, AVTA, BNSF, Metrolink, LOSSAN
- County of Los Angeles and Cities of Palmdale, Santa Clarita, San Fernando, Burbank, Glendale and Los Angeles
- Technical Working Groups in Downtown Los Angeles, Burbank, San Fernando, Santa Clarita, Acton and Agua Dulce
- Presentations to Local Community Groups

# COMMUNITY MEETINGS SINCE FALL 2013

- Five Spring Community Meetings
  - Four Meetings Completed
    - San Fernando
    - Los Angeles Union Station
    - Burbank
    - Palmdale
  - One Meeting Planned
    - Santa Clarita June 5
- Participation from Over 300 People to Date
- Generally Supportive
- Specific Concerns



# FEEDBACK TO DATE

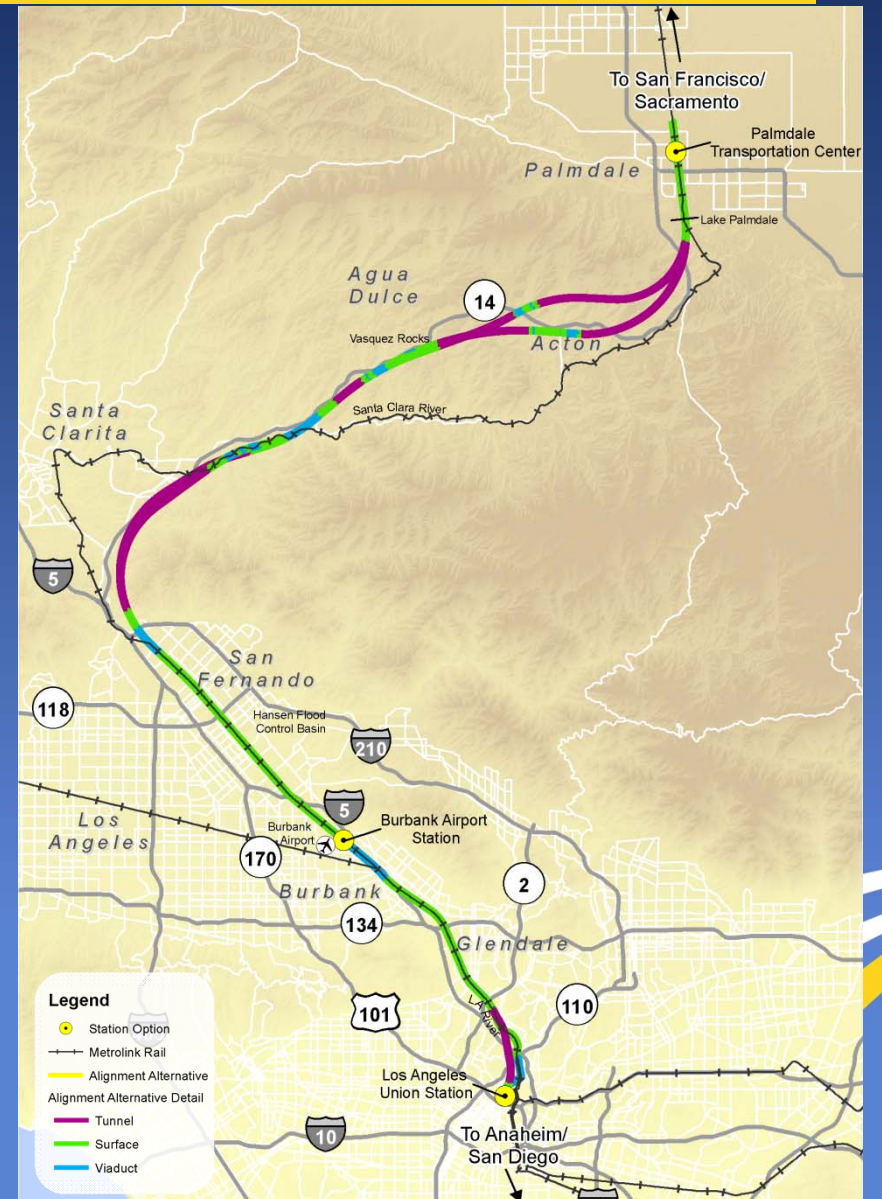
- General Support for the Project
- Alternatives Under Consideration and Impacts at Specific Locations
- Process and Schedule, Bring to SoCal Sooner
- Encourage Active Transit, Connectivity, Mobility Improvements
- Environmental, Noise, Community, Health Concerns
- Strong Support for Stations at PTC and Bob Hope Airport
- Strong Support for Study of Additional Ideas





# RESULTS OF EVALUATION, SUPPORTED BY FEEDBACK

- Addressed Station Locations
  - Palmdale
  - San Fernando Valley
- Validated Stakeholder Feedback and Operational Requirements
  - Refinements Across the Alignment
- Addressed New Projects
- Updated Environmental Document Strategy
- Continued Evaluation
  - Nothing Final until Env. Process Complete



# COMPLETED AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

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- Completed

- Robust Stakeholder Engagement
- First Round of Community Meetings (SC June 5)
- Alignment Updates
- SAA Update

- Summer 2014

- Evaluate New Ideas
- Continue Project Meetings
- Conduct MORE Community Meetings

- Fall 2014

- Board Update on Alternatives
- Begin Environmental Analysis and Draft Environmental Document
- Continue Project Meetings
- Conduct MORE Community Meetings

- 2015 and Beyond

- Release Draft and Final Environmental Document
- Complete Connectivity and MOU Programs
- Continue Project Meetings
- Conduct MORE Community Meetings

**THANK YOU**